

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain pending. Claims 9-16 were previously canceled in response to a restriction requirement. No claims are amended herein. Claims 1-8 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,266,401. A terminal disclaimer filed herewith overcomes this rejection. This application and U.S. Patent No. 6,266,401 are commonly owned.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that claims 1-8 are allowable, and thus respectfully requests their allowance.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Office to charge Deposit Account No. 210765 the appropriate fee for the terminal disclaimer. Applicant believes no additional fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine additional fees are necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 210765.

Respectfully submitted,

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